



Answered Prayers

Luke 18:1-8

"If my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves and pray...I will heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power
and produces wonderful results."
James 5:16 (NLT)

"Will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones?...I tell you, he will see that they get
justice, and quickly." Luke 18:7-8 (NIV)

Three reasons why should I expect God to answer my prayers:

1. Personal — God is interested in me.

"We should behave like God's very own children, adopted into the bosom of His family,
and calling Him, Abba, Father." Romans 8:15 (LB)

"I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink,
or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?
Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly
Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your
worries add a single moment to your life?" Mathew 6:25-27 (NLT)

2. Positional — I'm in the line.

"So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received
God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, 'Abba, Father.'
For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are
his children, we are his heirs." Romans 8: 15-17 (NLT)

3. Powerful – Nothing is too hard for God.

"O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful
arm. Nothing is too hard for you! You show unfailing love to thousands."
Jeremiah 32:17-18 (NLT)

"The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!"
Psalm 68:35 (NIV)

What to do when God answers my prayers:

1. Praise Him

"One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice."
Luke 17: 15 (NIV)

"Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his
name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices
God is pleased." Hebrews 13:15-16 (NIV)

"He says, 'I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation
I will sing your praises.'" Hebrews 2:12 (NIV)

2. Thank Him

"He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan."
Luke 17:16 (NIV)

3. Worship Him

"I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord...who had led me on the right
road..." Genesis 24:48 (NIV)

4. Tell others about Him

"Take a jar and put an two quarts of manna in it. Then place it before the Lord to be kept
for the generations to come...that it might be kept." Exodus 16:33-34 (NIV)

"Do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation..."
Psalm 71:18 (NIV)

